Wooing of foreign tourists

288. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any tourism delegations from Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan and other Central Indian States had been sent abroad to UK, USA and other European countries during 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 for soliciting and wooing foreign tourists to the tourist attractions in these States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the success achieved thereby?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) The Ministry of Tourism does not sponsor tourism delegations from States/UTs overseas. The State Governments themselves send their own delegations to promote the tourism potential of their States.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Study on demand-supply scenario of the hotel rooms

289. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hotel Association of India is undertaking a study on the demand-supply scenario of the hotel rooms upto 2020 to help investment in this sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the current shortage of hotel rooms in the country and how far the study will help the industry to gear up and invest in this sector?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) The Hotel Association of India (HAI) in consultation with the Ministry of Tourism has initiated action to conduct a study *inter-alia* to assess the requirement of hotel rooms in major cities and major tourist centres in India.

(c) As per the estimates available, the shortage of hotel rooms in the country is approximately 30,000 rooms and the study report would provide inputs to the industry to take investment decisions for hotel projects at specified locations.

Maintenance of monuments

†290. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of those protected monuments in the country for which the ticketing system is in vogue;

(b) the revenue earned through the sale of tickets each year during the last three years; and

(c) the amount spent on the renovation and maintenance of these monuments during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) A Statement of centrally protected ticketed monuments is enclosed (*See* below).

(b) The revenue earned through sale of entry tickets during the last three years is as under:

2002-03	Rs. 30,51,03,896
2003-04	Rs. 43,59,88,152
2004-05	Rs. 52,89,47,370

(c) The expenditure incurred on conservation and maintenance of ticketed monuments during the last three years is as under:

2002-03	Rs. 1399.16 lakhs
2003-04	Rs. 1670.33 lakhs
2004-05	Rs. 1821.73 lakhs

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.